



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost

October 27, 2024

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Sunday's Collect of the Day, Book of Common Prayer)

We are nearing Election Day here in the United States, and from the presidential election to our local city councils and boards of education, candidates are putting themselves forward to bring their proposals, vision, and expertise to the table. The rights and privileges that citizens have to vote and participate in governing our land should never be taken for granted. And yet, for so many of us this is more a time of anxiety and fear than anticipation and excitement. It is a period of deep division. I have heard from so many that they are feeling a deep sense of concern about the presidential election: for the safety and security of voters and election workers across the country, who face the prospect of intimidation; for the aftermath of the vote, which will leave half of the electorate deeply dissatisfied, whatever the outcome; and for what will happen once a new administration takes office.

While Trinity as a church does not take a position on candidates for office, we can say that it is not a normal election. Misinformation over the past four years has sown massive distrust in the integrity of elections. This, combined with revelations of political and legal machinations to overturn the 2020 presidential election, the reality of the January 6 insurrection in which some attempted to violently disrupt the certification of the vote, and the warnings by retired military leaders and former administration officials that one of the candidates has strong anti-democratic tendencies, leaves many Americans deeply worried about the outcome and what it will mean for the immediate and long-term future of the Republic. Whether or not a losing candidate or a new administration will attempt to undermine the rule of law, there is concern that some segments of the population will engage in unhelpful and potentially dangerous disruptions.

While I acknowledge the potential perils of the days, weeks, and months ahead, I am hopeful that faith, hope, and charity will prevail. Whatever the outcome, as people of faith we will make common cause with all people of goodwill to speak up for truth, justice, and compassion. We will continue to proclaim Christ's gospel of love and liberation, and we will put our values into action. If our nation experiences setbacks, we will show up to love our neighbors, amplify the voices of those not listened to, and mobilize to make a positive impact.

Peace,
Chase

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
A gentle, said service (no music)

10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Joyous, sung music

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home M - F
Resources available at www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship

7:30 AM Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

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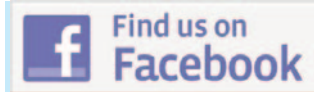
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Trinity Basics

PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

PANTRY & COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:30AM-1PM and on Saturday, a hot, sit-down meal is served from 11:30AM-12:30PM.

Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com for information!

PARISH LEADERSHIP (*Vestry*):

Lesley Castellini (warden) Carol Scollay (warden)
Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin, Wendy Jaghab, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Maria Tassiello, and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestrywardens@trinitynj.com

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Faye Hudson	Matt	Barbara Wagner	Rudy D'Ambrisi
Kevin McDonald	Kathryn	Anna Labatte	George Lee
Jerry Fargo	Chris Tyree	Carol Moriggia	Agnes Hulse
Jackie Campanelli	Katherine Cunningham	Stephen Aljian	Carol Joy
Gene Perfetto	Chris Trout	Steve Mandeville	
Angie Jonas	Fathey Abdullah	Liz Mendez	
Frank Mertz	Tom Hallahan	Denise Surman	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.

Prayer Team Ministry. During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them are invited to come to one of the prayer stations located in the back of the church. A member of the Trinity Prayer Team will say a prayer with you for yourself or someone else. You are welcome to sit or stand during the prayer. What is said at the prayer station is held in confidence by the person who prays with you. They cannot talk with you or anyone else about your requested prayer without your permission. The only exception is a person intending to harm themselves or someone else.

Questions about this ministry? Contact Joanie McCoy, leader of the Prayer Team at 908-216-5529 or 732-780-3111 or PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1
Wendy Jaghab	Thomas Johnson	Megan Jones	Eric & Dori Jones	Judy & Bob Junnier

News & Notes

Today is the Day! Our Halloween Celebration is Here! 11:15am in the Gym

Join us after the 10am service on Sunday, October 27th for a celebration of All Souls' Day and Halloween! Everyone is invited to come join the fun in the gym and to wear a costume for the after-church celebration! We'll have holiday-related contests, treats, and activities! Fun for kids of all ages!

Remembering All Our Saints! ~ Sunday, November 3

This year, All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3. You are encouraged to bring a picture of loved ones gone from sight but remembered in your heart. The pictures will be placed around our altar as a reminder of the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us, joining in when we lift our voice to pray or sing God's praise. We will also have our Book of Remembrance available where you can list the names of those loved ones that we would like to remember during the services. If you are unable to attend the service that day, you are welcome to submit names of loved ones to the church office at office@trinitynj.com. All names will be placed on the altar to be included in the prayers. Please have all emailed names into the office by November 1st.

Fall Clean-up Day ~ Saturday, November 9 at 9:15am

It's that time of year again when the leaves change colors, and the air turns crisp – fall is upon us! We wanted to inform you about our upcoming Fall Clean-Up event to help keep our community looking its best. The Clean-Up will be Saturday, November 9th beginning at 9:15 am. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join. It's a great opportunity for families and friends to work together. We will be divided into two groups, interior clean-up crew and a blanket making crew. Please wear comfortable clothing. If you are interested in the blanket making crew, we will be trying together fleece to make blankets for our own Code Blue Guests. Let's come together as a community to make our Church Campus even more beautiful this fall season. Your participation can make a significant difference. We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please contact Jim Pillar at james.pillar@comcast.net or Megan Jones at mjones@monmouth.edu.

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Join the Conversation on Your Commitments and Contributions in the World! November 13, 7:15pm

Trinity members and friends are found in all corners of wider interests and impactful commitments. We participate in organizations and activities that serve the needs of the world—locally and globally. We want to hear YOUR story of where and how you touch the deep needs of the communities or issues most important to your heart. We are living out the Eucharistic Prayer from the Creation Season: Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being and safeguard the integrity of creation. The next conversation will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:15 pm, following the evening Eucharist, in the conference room. We were inspired by the conversations in our first gathering and know YOU will inspire us, too. Please join us, and just come tell us your story of compassion and care and commitment. If you'd like more information, please talk to Derek, Father Chase, Pastor Katherine or Deacon Gail.

Fall Adult Education Classes ~ Sundays at 9am

October 13, 20, 27: *Out of the Whirlwind: The Book of Job*. The Old Testament's answer to the problem of evil and suffering. Does it still speak to us today? **November 3, 10, and 17:** *Where You Go, I Will Go: The Book of Ruth*. Can the Bible, so often used as a tool for patriarchy, be feminist? **Advent** (dates TBD): *The First Christmas*: We'll discuss Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's book examining what the gospels really say about Jesus' birth. *Classes held at 9 am in the multipurpose classroom.*

Code Blue Season is Almost Here!

The weather is getting colder and we are preparing to open our Code Blue Warming Center for the season! Whenever the temperature drops below 32 degrees, Trinity will open our gym from 7pm-6:30am to anyone in the County who needs a warm, safe space to stay. It takes many people working as a team to get this program operational and to maintain it. **How can you help?** We need help in many ways: 1) **Sign up to volunteer** to take a 4-hour shift on Code Blue Evenings. Volunteer as much or as little as you like! 2) **Drop off food and supplies:** coffee, cups, sugar, packaged snacks and bars, puzzle books, decks of cards etc. (any time); and fresh fruits and food (on nights when Code Blue is in effect). See our Amazon wish list here: <https://a.co/3IkBWYV> 3) **Donate!** We need to purchase food & supplies, pay staff, run utilities and generally keep the building open for 24 hour days for much of the winter. We also need to buy specialty chairs that our guests can relax in and rest while they are warming. To make a financial donation toward the Code Blue program please visit our giving site at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z95F/campaign/C-14F8W> or scan the QR Code to the right. To find out more information or to be put on our volunteer list for Code Blue, please email us at office@trinitynj.com. Keeping our unhoused community members warm and safe is a top priority for Trinity and we hope that we can come together to make this a welcoming space for all!



Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Come out on Wednesdays at 5pm to read Paul's Epistle to the Galatians together. We are justified by faith not works! All are welcome. Any questions call Joanie 908-216-5529

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom on Hiatus

Our Monday Bible Study with Fr, Geoff will be going on hiatus until Monday, November 25th. Watch this space for the next session's topic!

Children and Youth at Trinity ~ Join Us!

Sunday School - Join us each week as we explore God's presence in ourselves, our community, and our world! We will gather in the Sunday School room each week at 9:45am for fun and spiritual exploration and then rejoin our families after The Peace. For questions, contact Jill Osis at Jill@trinitynj.com.

Nursery - Our Nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45am until the end of the service. The nursery will accept children aged 6 months through 4 years. The nursery is located at the end of the hallway in the office wing.